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		Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 41022/1996 (Laid-open No. 153032/1987) (Kabushiki Kaisha Kira Tekkosho), September 28, 1987, page 10 line 11 to page 13 line 9.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Y	JP 9-156743 A (Kabushiki Kaisha Mekusu), 17 June, 1997 (17.06.97), Full text (Family: none)	1-5
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